

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**March 23, 2004**

**FROM:** KEN A. MILLER, Director  
Department of Public Works - **Transportation**

**SUBJECT: CEQA EXEMPTION FOR THE DUNCAN ROAD PAVING PROJECT IN THE PHELAN  
AREA AND ARROW ROUTE AT REDWOOD AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT IN THE  
FONTANA AREA**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (1) Find that the Duncan Road paving project in the Phelan area and the Arrow Route at Redwood Avenue sidewalk project in the Fontana area are both exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Class 1, Section 15301 (c) {Minor Alterations}, and (2) Approve the projects as defined in the Notices of Exemption, and direct the Clerk of the Board to post the Notices of Exemption.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Duncan Road paving project involves the paving of Duncan Road between Buckwheat Road and Beekley Road for a distance of one mile. Improvements shall include construction of two 13-foot wide lanes with 6-foot shoulders of graded dirt. This portion of Duncan Road is currently maintained by the County and is part of a development fee plan. In 2003, a one-mile segment of Duncan Road between Beekley Road and Sheep Creek Road was paved. The Arrow Route at Redwood Avenue sidewalk project consists of constructing sidewalk, curb, gutter, and parkway improvements on Arrow Route from 330 feet west of Redwood Avenue to 330 feet east of Redwood Avenue and on Redwood Avenue from 525 feet south of Arrow Route to 525 feet north of Arrow Route. The proposed improvements will provide an increased level of safety for pedestrians and students walking to and from school. The work for both projects will be performed within existing right of way. Environmental staff of the Advance Planning Division of the Land Use Services Department has reviewed these projects and recommends a categorical exemption for these projects. These projects qualify for an exemption in accordance with CEQA guidelines Section 15301 (c). An exempt project allows for minor repairs and alterations with negligible expansion of the existing use. As such, when the Board considers the environmental findings, the filing of a Notice of Exemption is required.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS:** This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico (387-5481) on March 4, 2004 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635) on March 14, 2004.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The action to find the projects categorically exempt has minimal financial impact. The total Duncan Road project cost is estimated at \$150,000 and will be constructed by Department Operations staff. The funds for this project are included in the fiscal year 2003/2004 SAA-TRA-TRA Transportation budget (K00105). The total Arrow Route at Redwood Avenue project cost is estimated at \$150,000 and will be constructed under contract. Federal Community Block Grant Development funds and Gas Tax funds will be used for this project and they are included in the fiscal year 2003/2004 SAA-TRA-TRA Transportation budget (H13521).

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>

**PRESENTER:** Ken A. Miller, 387-7906

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